



Bolton, Pompeo behind arrest of Marziah Hashemi: Analysts

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Marziah Hashemi, Press TV anchor

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US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and US National Security Advisor John Bolton are those who have ordered arresting Marziah Hashemi, a journalist and anchor working for Iran's English-language Press TV television news network, say commentators.

American-born Hashemi, most famous for anchoring news programs and presenting shows for Press TV, was detained upon arrival at St. Louis Lambert International Airport in St. Louis, Missouri, on Sunday, her family and friends said.

Collin Cavell, former lecturer at the University of Bahrain, told Press TV that "it

looks like Secretary of State Pompeo and specially National Security Adviser Bolton are now imposing their will on US foreign policy and violating Article 13, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and thus violating international law by arresting Marzieh Hashemi and putting her in undisclosed detention facility somewhere in Washington DC.”



PressTV-Press TV's Hashemi due in US court on Friday

Ms. Hashemi has been detained as a material witness and will attend court on Friday.

Scott Bennett, former US army psychological warfare officer, said that “I look at this as part of a psychological operation, as part of a larger plan, a larger entrapment that rogue elements, I would assume, under Bolton, under Pompeo, rogue elements and the deep state are being engaged in this operation against Marzieh just simply to achieve a variety of false ends.”

“Essentially, you (American officials) have imprisoned the dam ladder of the Iranian news industry,” Bennett noted.

In another interview with Press TV, Mohammad Marandi, professor at the University of Tehran, said that “Marzieh Hashemi is an American citizen. She is American born. She is African American. She went there to see her family and everything that she did in the United States was legal unlike American reporters or British reporters who come to Iran, who go and see ministers and who see key political figures.”





PressTV-Press TV chief says will pursue jailed anchor's case legally

Press TV's chief says the Iranian English-language news network will take any necessary legal action to secure the release of its anchor, Marzieh Hashemi, who has been imprisoned in Washington for unspecified reasons.

Meanwhile, Iranian parliament speaker's special adviser on international affairs Hossein Amir-Abdollahian said "the US started the ordeal by detaining Marzieh Hashemi. If this Press TV journalist is not freed immediately, this ordeal will not end when the US government desires."

Protests planned in US

Also, Akbar Muhammad, spokesperson for prominent Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan said "I plan to go to Washington and speak with those who have caused this ordeal. A demonstration will be held on Friday and a women's march is planned for Saturday."



PressTV-Jailed without justice: Press TV's anchor in US custody

The Iranian English-language television news network's journalist Marzieh Hashemi has been arrested and transferred to a detention facility in Washington, D.C. without being charged.

Tehran University professor and international relations expert Foad Izadi also

said "Press TV's television programs are not accessible in the US because of a government ban on the channel but Hashemi's detention and the subsequent media outcry made many Americans aware of the channel and Hashemi's activities over the past years."



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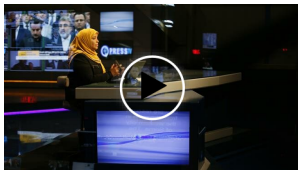
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